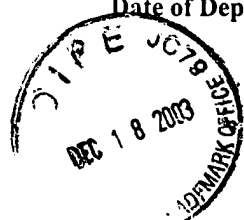


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the June 24, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before December 24, 2003. Enclosed is a check (#17738) in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the cost of the extension due by Applicants.

Although Applicant believes no additional fees are due with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 25619-501). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed

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